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ERRATA.

In return of plague cases and deaths for the week ending May 5, 1905, for 2 cases of plague and 3 deaths in Crater, read 1 case and 2 deaths.

In return of plague cases and deaths for the week ending May 12, 1905, for 1 case and 1 death at Tawahi, read case 0 and death 0.

WEEK ENDED MAY 26, 1905.

Locality.	Indigenous.	
	Cases.	Deaths.
Tawahi	2	

AUSTRALIA.

Reports from Brisbane—Plague bulletins—Plague in Queensland and New South Wales.

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following:

BRISBANE, May 13, 1905.

IPSWICH.

Plague bulletin No. 1, for week ending noon, May 13, instant:

Seven cases of bubonic plague occurred at Ipswich during the above-mentioned period, 5 of which were reported on the 6th instant and the other 2 on the 8th instant.

All of these cases are directly traceable to one produce store situated in Union street, Ipswich.

The particulars of the cases are as follows:

1. Reported May 6: W. B., aged 50 years, a produce merchant carrying on business at the above-mentioned store and residing a few doors away. Onset of illness May 3.

2. Reported May 6: J. F., aged 25 years, an assistant working in the store and residing with W. B. Onset of illness May 1.

3. Reported May 6: G. P., aged 40 years, an assistant working in the store and living next door thereto. Onset of illness May 1.

4. Reported May 6: J. F. L., aged 24 years, a carpenter, residing in Moffatt street, and employed from the 1st to 5th instant at the store. Onset of illness, May 5.

5. Reported May 6: C. C., aged 33 years, a plumber, living in Brisbane street. The patient frequented the store last week and sampled some chaff there on the 2d instant. Onset of illness, May 4.

6. Reported May 8: M. B., aged 30 years; the wife of W. B., the occupier of the store. This patient has been in and out of the store nearly every day during the last month and had the management of the store during the week ending May 6. Onset of illness, May 6.

7. Reported May 8: I. B., a boy, aged 9 years. This patient hawked fruit purchased at the store and was in the habit of frequenting the premises. Onset of illness, May 5.

The produce store to which, as before stated, all of the cases are directly traceable, was a very old and dilapidated shed. A large quantity of produce, fruit, and fodder was stacked in the shed on an earthen floor, which latter was in a dirty condition.

The building has been demolished and the stale produce, floor sweepings, and other rubbish, including old sacking, etc., have been destroyed by fire. The greater portion of the fruit has been destroyed, the produce and fodder stacked in the open air and exposed to the sunlight, the earthen floor to a depth of several feet dug up and saturated with disinfectants, and the whole of the sacking containing the produce sprayed with disinfectant.

The rat burrows in the earthen floor are being dug out, and already the skeletons of 25 rats have been found on the premises. An active search for rats in the premises and in the vicinity is proceeding.

A house to house inspection of the whole of the area of the Ipswich local authority is being carried out and a gang of men employed in cleansing and rat-destruction operations.

The patients, with the exception of the boy I. B., who was too ill to be removed from his home and who died there on the 9th instant, were conveyed to the Colmslie Plague Hospital near Brisbane.

As the result of inquiry held by me at Ipswich, on 12th instant, it was ascertained that sick rats, presumably suffering with plague, were discovered in the produce store at the end of last month; that several of these rats were killed by the storekeeper, and that a number of dead rats were discovered daily in the store during the same period.

Of these discoveries the health department was not notified, nor were any of the rats forwarded to Brisbane for bacteriological examination.

Summary.

PLAGUE IN MAN (IPSWICH).

Cases declared during week	7
Cases discharged during week	0
Deaths during week	1
Remaining under treatment	6

Last case reported 8th May, instant.

RATS AND MICE.

Since January 1, 1905, 147 rats and 12 mice caught at Ipswich were examined at the Bacteriological Institute, Brisbane. Of those examined yesterday 2 were found to be plague infected.

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,
Brisbane, April 29, 1905.

Plague bulletin, No. 17, for the period commencing noon, 20th instant, and terminating noon, Saturday, the 29th instant.

Plague in man.—Nil.

Last case discharged from plague hospital on 20th instant.

RATS AND MICE.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Rats and mice destroyed	601	61	662
Rats and mice examined at Bacteriological Institute	243	54	297
Rats and mice infected	0	0	0

Last infected rat April 15, 1905.

NOTE.—No further bulletins will be issued unless another case of plague should unfortunately occur or an infected rodent be found.

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

VICTORIA, *May 18, 1905.*

Government, Queensland, reports 2 cases of plague occurred at Brisbane, 16th instant.

G. H. REED.

CONSUL-GENERAL, UNITED STATES, *Melbourne.*

VICTORIA, *May 22, 1905.*

Government, Queensland, reports fatal case plague occurred at Childers.

G. H. REED.

CONSUL-GENERAL, UNITED STATES, *Melbourne.*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NEW SOUTH WALES,
Sydney, April 18, 1905.

Bubonic plague bulletin No. 3, complete to midnight on Saturday, April 15, 1905.

Newcastle.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Patients remaining under treatment April 8, 1905.....	3
Notified during week	0
Discharged during week	0
Died during week	0
Remaining under treatment April 15, 1905	3

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed	1,618
Number of mice destroyed	286
	1,904
Examined in laboratory	574
Found plague-infected	4

Sydney.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Patients remaining under treatment April 8, 1905.....	5
Admitted during week.....	a 1

^a A lad, aged 11 years, living in the infected (Darling Harbor) area, removed to isolation on April 10, 1905.

Discharged during week	0
Died during week	0
Remaining under treatment April 15, 1905	6

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed	2,513
Number of mice destroyed	1,851
	4,364
Number of rats examined	374
Number of mice examined	359
	733
Number of rats infected	11
Number of mice infected	2
	13

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*SYDNEY, *April 26, 1905.*

Bubonic Plague Bulletin No. 4, complete to midnight on Saturday,
April 22, 1905:

Newcastle.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Patients remaining under treatment April 15, 1905	3
Notified during week	0
Discharged during week	0
Died during week	0
Remaining under treatment April 22, 1905	3

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed	679
Number of mice destroyed	139
	818
Examined in laboratory	515
Found plague infected	17

Sydney.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Patients remaining under treatment April 15, 1905	6
Admitted during week	2
Discharged during week	1
Died during week	2
Remaining under treatment April 22, 1905	5

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed	1,511
Number of mice destroyed	1,221
	2,732
Number of rats examined	331
Number of mice examined	273
	604

Number of rats infected	27
Number of mice infected	1
	28

By order,

JAMES J. POTTER,
(for Secretary.)

SYDNEY, *May 2, 1905.*

Bubonic Plague Bulletin No. 5, complete to midnight on Saturday,
April 29, 1905:

Newcastle.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Patients remaining under treatment April 22, 1905	3
Notified during week	1
Discharged during week (case 1)	1
Died during week (case 5)	1
Remaining under treatment April 29, 1905	2

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed	718
Number of mice destroyed	165
	883
Examined in laboratory	322
Found plague infected	9

Sydney.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Patients remaining under treatment April 22, 1905	5
Admitted during week	4
Discharged during week (case 7)	1
Died during week	0
Remaining under treatment April 29, 1905	8

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed	1,938
Number of mice destroyed	1,573
	3,511
Number of rats examined	412
Number of mice examined	312
	724
Number of rats infected	7
Number of mice infected	0
	7

Northern Rivers.

A second case of plague occurred at Ballina, on the Richmond River, 331 miles north of Sydney, on April 25, 1905, and terminated fatally on April 28, 1905. The patient was a vegetable vendor living about 5 miles out of the town. The date of the previous case was February 11, 1905; it terminated fatally on February 14, 1905.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, *May 9, 1905.*

Bubonic Plague Bulletin No. 6, complete to midnight on Saturday, May 6, 1905:

Sydney.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

Patients remaining under treatment April 29, 1905.....	8
Admitted during week.....	1
Discharged during week.....	0
Died during week.....	0
Remaining under treatment May 6, 1905.....	9

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed.....	2,091
Number of mice destroyed.....	1,545
	3,636
Number of rats examined.....	484
Number of mice examined.....	334
	818
Number of rats infected.....	1
Number of mice infected.....	2
	3

Newcastle.

PLAGUE IN MAN.

	2
Patients remaining under treatment April 29, 1905.....	3
Notified during week.....	0
Discharged during week.....	1
Died during week.....	
Remaining under treatment May 6, 1905.....	

PLAGUE IN RATS.

Number of rats destroyed.....	515
Number of mice destroyed.....	172
	687
Number of rats examined.....	502
Number of mice examined.....	144
	646
Number infected.....	23

Northern Rivers.

Ballina.—A third case of plague has occurred at Ballina, the patient being a woman employed at the Commercial Bank.

Lismore.—Two fatal cases occurred at Lismore, both patients being employed at a general store. This town is on the Richmond River, 21 miles from Ballina.

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*